

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 have been amended. Claims 13-15 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 1 through 12 and Claims 16 -21 remain pending.

35 U.S.C. Section 103 Rejections

Paragraphs 2-4 of the above referenced Office Action rejects Claims 1-12 and 16-21 as unpatentable over DeFrasne et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,603,629 (hereafter DeFrasne) in further view of Wallace, U.S. Patent No. 5,933,328 (hereafter Wallace) under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 to more particularly point out aspects of the present invention. Consequently, Applicants respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 is not rendered obvious by the cited combination.

Independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 have been amended to recite limitations describing the SIM connector being smaller than the SIM card. For example, the smaller SIM connector ensures a minimum amount of PCB area of the handheld device is devoted to the interconnect with the SIM card, saving such area for other components of the PCB device. Applicants respectfully assert that this limitation is not shown by the cited references. For example, the connector of figure 8 and Wallace appears to be much larger than the SIM card. Similarly, the connector of DeFrasne appears to be larger than the SIM card.

Accordingly, the combination of DeFrasne and Wallace does not teach or suggest a single piece back housing, that contains the device's PCB, that receives the SIM card. The combination does not show or suggest, within a single piece back housing of the personal

information device, a SIM connector mounted on the PCB, the SIM connector configured to electrically connect the SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card is engaged with the SIM connector, wherein the SIM connector is smaller than the SIM card.

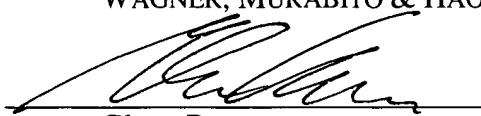
For the above rationale, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claim 1, 6, and 17 is not rendered obvious by DeFrasne and Wallace within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 103.

CONCLUSION

All remaining claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

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